has served its initial objective, it has been withdrawn for exports from 01.04.2006 on 31 st March 2006.

(b) Directorate General of Foreign Trade is investigating M/s Vishal Exports Overseas Ltd. for mis-declaration whereas Directorate of Revenue Intelligence is investigating the activities of M/s Adani Exports Ltd, M/s Aditya Corpex Pvt. Ltd, M/s Hinduja Exports Pvt Ltd, M/s Jayant Agro Organics Ltd, M/s Bagadia Brothers Pvt. Ltd, and M/s Midex Overseas Ltd. No benefit under the scheme has been granted to these applicants in respect of such exports, which are under scrutiny.

(c) The outgo under the reward schemes, till 31.03.2006, is as under:

DFCE Scheme (2003-04)	Rs. 854.07 Cr
Target Plus Scheme (2004-05)	Rs. 3795.54 Cr
Total	Rs. 4649.61 Cr

Logistical problems in SEZs

2586. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

whether logistics is an area of concern for an SEZ and particularly when it has port operations involved in its route plan as most of the strategic ports are over-crowded and sometimes it can take weeks for consignments to move;

if so, the details thereof; and

what action Government propose to take to redress the grievances of the developers of SEZ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The Policy of the Government is to encourage and facilitate the establishment of Special Economic Zones (SEZ) in the private or joint sector in association with the State Governments or by the State Governments themselves. The location and logistics for the establishment of an SEZ are determined by the promoters of the SEZ, taking due account of the viability of the project. The government's role is to provide incentives to the developer of an SEZ for creating infrastructure, as provided for under the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 and the Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006.

(c) Periodic Open House meetings are organized by the Export Promotion Council for EOUs and SEZs (EPCES) for redressal of grievances of developers of SEZs.

Connectivity among BIMSTEC countries for Trade with Bhutan

2587. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that in order to improve the connectivity among the BIMSTEC countries infrastructure is required to be created to facilitate trade with land locked Bhutan; and

if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take to improve the connectivity with Bhutan and by when connectivity is likely to be created?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To improve the road connectivity with Bhutan, the Phuentsholing-Thimpu Highway is being doublelaned in Bhutan with the assistance provided by the Government of India in the 9th Five Year Plan of Bhutan Also, RITES Ltd. is conducting a feasibility study on the establishment of five rail links (mentioned below) on India-Bhutan border as below:

Hasimara (West Bengal)-Phuentsholing (Bhutan)-18km

Darranga (Assam)-Samdrup Jhonkar (Bhutan)-60 km

Kokrajhar (Assam)-Gelephu (Bhutan)-70 km

Banarhat (West Bengal)-Samtse (Bhutan)-16 km

Pathsala (Assam)-Nganglam (Bhutan)-40 km

Special funds under IBEFT

2588. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT:
SHRI S.S.AHLUWALIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether special fund was created under the head "India Brand Equity foundation Trust (IBEFT) with one time grant of Rs. 50 crore;